

House Resolution

No. 6

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House Resolution No. 6—Relative to women’s reproductive health.

- 1 WHEREAS, January 22, 2017, marks the 44th anniversary of
- 2 the United States Supreme Court’s landmark decision in *Roe v.*
- 3 *Wade*, which affirmed that every woman has a fundamental right
- 4 to control her own reproductive decisions and to decide whether
- 5 to end or to continue pregnancy, and is an occasion deserving of
- 6 celebration; and
- 7 WHEREAS, *Roe v. Wade* has been the cornerstone of women’s
- 8 ability to control their reproductive lives, allowing every woman
- 9 in America the right to decide when, if, and with whom to have
- 10 children, and how many children to have; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Women’s ability to control their reproductive lives
- 12 has helped and facilitated their participation in the economic and
- 13 social life of our nation; and
- 14 WHEREAS, *Roe v. Wade* has drastically reduced the maternal
- 15 mortality rate for women terminating their pregnancies in the

1 United States. In the years prior to the decision, illegal abortion
2 accounted for approximately 17 percent of all reported deaths
3 attributable to pregnancy and childbirth, and many women were
4 severely injured as a result of “back alley” abortion procedures;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Interference with a woman’s right to choose causes
7 women to be forced into illegal and dangerous abortions, as they
8 often were in the United States before the Roe v. Wade decision.
9 Many women are forced to make these decisions today in countries
10 where abortion is illegal and where the unsafe methods of illegal
11 abortion lead to 13 percent of global maternal deaths annually, or
12 8 maternal deaths every hour. Many survivors of an illegal abortion
13 suffer serious and often permanent injuries; and

14 WHEREAS, Roe v. Wade continues to protect the health and
15 freedom of women throughout the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, The State of California stands in strong support of
17 every woman’s fundamental right, as confirmed in Roe v. Wade,
18 to make her own decisions regarding her pregnancy; now, therefore,
19 be it

20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
21 Assembly urges the President of the United States and the United
22 States Congress to express their support for a woman’s fundamental
23 right to control her own reproductive decisions, as well as their
24 support for access to comprehensive reproductive health care,
25 including the services provided by Planned Parenthood; and be it
26 further

27 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
28 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
29 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
30 Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative
31 from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the
32 author for appropriate distribution.

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35 REVISIONS: _____

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